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June 25, 2012

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From:

William T Fujioka

Chief Executive Officer

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (ITEM NO. 36-C, OF APRIL 17, 2012)

On April 17, 2012, on motion of Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Knabe, the Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Community and Senior Services (CSS) to identify at least \$3.5 million in potential funding sources, including State and/or federal resources, to continue the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and report back during the Board's Budget Deliberations in June 2012.

As with Fiscal Year 2011-12, CSS has again been granted a waiver from the State and the Federal Department of Labor use of \$1.1 million in unspent WIA Youth Formula funds to operate a summer program. These funds are limited to the areas served by the County and can only target CalWORKs youth. In addition, the Department of Public Social Services has identified \$2.0 million in fraud incentive funds. \$1.5 million is available to serve teens on CalWORKs cases and \$0.5 million is available to serve the County's General Relief youth population as part of the SYEP. Summer youth employment is a critical element of success for young people and can provide valuable opportunities for low-income youth to start a path to self-sufficiency.

These two sources combined will leave a funding gap of \$0.4 million of the needed \$3.5 million. The County has been without a consistent source of funding for SYEP. Over the past several years, the County has utilized federal funds when they were available, and most recently the Board has allocated County dollars.

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